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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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1. On 6 April 1951, the runway of Dessau (M 52/E 06) airfield was marked by several lights during night flying activity. The searchlight in the northeastern corner of the field illuminated the runway when aircraft came in for landings. It was switched off as soon as the planes touched the ground. A rotary searchlight was also in operation as long as the aircraft were aloft. A smaller searchlight was situated near the temporary building on the southern edge of the field. (1)
2. On 13 April, it was observed from a distance of 150 meters that a jet fighter was started at the field. A man mounted the top of the left wing, put a hand into the pilot's cabin whereupon the turbine was started. No mobile starting device was seen. (2) From the Black Road running along the eastern edge of the field it was observed that a fuel dump was located in the extension of the runway 50 meters west of the Black Road. There were several large containers, partially underground. Large holes, the size of fuel containers, were seen on the southwestern edge of the field, but there was no fuel dump.
3. Air force soldiers dug trenches on a small plateau in the extension of the runway, just east of the Black Road, from where a telephone cable led to the airfield. A radio installation was probably to be established there. (3) 50X1-HUM
4. On 2 April, four jet fighters were parked next to the flight control station. The planes were ready to take off. Six single-engine aircraft and 15 additional jet fighters of the same type, all of them covered with tarpaulins, were parked on the eastern edge of the field.

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5. On 3 April at 3:15 p.m., five jet fighters [redacted] were parked near the flight control station. Trucks [redacted] were seen at the field. Searchlights were in operation throughout the night. 50X1-HUM
6. On 5 April at 5:15 p.m., three MiG-15s, [redacted] and ready to take off, were parked next to the flight control station. One biplane and 14 additional MiG-15s were parked in the eastern section of the field and three single-engine aircraft and two biplanes were seen in the northern section. Two radio trucks with long rod antennae were parked next to the flight control station. 50X1-HUM
7. On 10 April, five MiG-15s [redacted] were seen near the flight control station at 5:10 p.m. On the same day, a pale blue stripe about 75 cm wide was being painted around the fuselages of all jet fighters with swent-back wings. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
8. On 12 April, a jet fighter covered with tarpaulins and jet fighters [redacted] were parked on the southern edge of the field at 5:20 p.m. Eighteen MiG-15s were seen on the eastern edge of the field. 50X1-HUM
9. On 13 April at 7:45 p.m., jet fighters [redacted] and a fourth jet fighter which was covered with tarpaulins were parked on the southern edge of the field. Sixteen MiG-15s were seen on the eastern edge of the field. Three single-engine aircraft and three biplanes were parked on the northern edge. (4) 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- Comments.
- (1) The information indicates that MiG-15s do not use their landing lights when flying at night.
- (2) [redacted] MiG-15s can be started without a starting device or a hand crank. [redacted] the turbine is started by means of a two-stroke engine fitted in the plane. 50X1-HUM
- (3) A landing beacon is possibly being established. 50X1-HUM
- (4) [redacted] The aircraft parked near the flight control building are probably stand-by planes. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] different aircraft are used for the alert tactical formation. The field is occupied by one fighter regiment.

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